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COLONEL SCRUGHAM ADDRESSES MASS MEETING AT PIOCHE

At a well attended mass meeting of the citizens of Pioche, sponsored by the Pioche Commercial club, Col. James G. Scrugham made an interesting and forceful address touching on the urgent need of progress and push in the rebuilding of Nevada, the Colonel spoke of the necessity of further efforts to reduce freight and smelter rates on ores and the wonderful assistance which will later be made possible by cheap power for all Southern Nevada industries. Progress must be made, he said, already been made, according to Colonel Scrugham, and it is more than possible that copper refineries in Nevada will before long be a reality. Again the local manufacture of cyanide should be at some early date a profitable business enterprise which would greatly help in the future growth of the State.

NEW PLAN MADE FOR PRINCE CON.

Directors of the Prince Consolidated Mining and Smelting company have called a special stockholders' meeting for May 15, 1922, to consider means of financing the organization so that work can be immediately resumed and carried on to a decisive point. The plan offered now by directors to stockholders is to sell the Pioche property to a Utah company which will be formed for the purpose of paying all the debts of the old organization and to finance adequately the new.

According to present plans, the new corporation, which will be organized under the laws of Utah, will be known as the Prince Consolidated Mining and Smelting company and have an authorized capital stock of \$400,000 divided into 1,000,000 shares of common stock of the par value of 40 cents and 150,000 shares of preferred 7 per cent stock of the par value of \$1 each. Common stock is to be assembled.

It is agreed under the new arrangement that the Utah corporation is to pay all the debts of the old and to give 1,600,000 shares of common stock in return for the Pioche property. A 10-cent share assessment will be levied by the new company on outstanding capital stock. On each dollar of assessments paid one share of preferred stock will be delivered to stockholders.

The reason for the issue of preferred stock is to assure, in so far as possible, the return to stockholders of the amount advanced by them to the company. All of the assets of the Prince company will be covered by this issue of the preferred stock. These assets, consisting of the mine, which with the assessment money can be fully developed, the directors believe, would be of great value. The company owns, officials say, surface equipment paid to any in the west, consisting of hoists, drills, pumps, air compressor, power plant, superintendents' cottages, many offices and numerous other buildings, everything necessary to economical mining.

stance of the rejuvenation of an old so-called worked out mining town. Colonel Scrugham said that owing to the enterprise of such men as Alex. Wise and others well known in the Comstock district, the famous old town had taken on a new lease of life with a profitable future assured, sturdy other camps, knocked by ignorant outsiders, should with the improvement in ore treating practice be able to again produce their millions from the mines with consequent prosperity to the State.

Colonel Scrugham's address was closely followed by the large audience present in Thompson's Hall and at the conclusion, after Senator Scott, who presided along with S. F. Whitney, Vice President of the club, had with a few well chosen words thanked the Colonel for his constructive efforts on behalf of the State, a dance and free lunch was enjoyed by those present.

ing, ten miles of broad-gauge railroad connecting the mine with the main line of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad, and all the equipment of this railroad, comprising two engines and other necessities of operation. The railroad could not be duplicated today for \$300,000 of gold.

320,000,000 tailings deposit and a mill erected several years ago at a cost of \$125,000 for the purpose of treating this deposit are also owned by the company.

The second plan of the directors embraces the sale of the remaining 1,500,000 shares of treasury stock of the present Prince Consolidated Mining and Smelting company of Nevada to stockholders of the company at 10 cents a share.

Subscriptions to this stock must be made previous to May 15. Certified checks must accompany orders for stock. In the event 1,000,000 shares of stock are subscribed for, this plan is to substitute the first plan. A reorganization would not take place and an assessment would not be necessary. If, however, 1,000,000 shares of stock are not subscribed for, all money will be returned to stockholders and the first plan will at once be placed in effect, providing sufficient proxies are sent in to enable the management to put through this reorganization.

The company owes, the directors report, \$20,000, \$25,000 to a local bank in the form of a note. The management believes that the expenditure of the remaining \$100,000 will put the Pioche property on a profitable basis.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE WITH ANNIVERSARY BALL

Over 200 guests participated in the Anniversary ball given last Wednesday evening by the Pioche Lodge of Oddfellows at Thompson's Opera house, which commencing promptly at 9 p. m. lasted until 1 a. m. the following morning. Refreshments were served during the dance by the lodge and the Panaca Orchestra of four pieces furnished delightful music to the merry crowd. A large number of visitors from Panaca, Las Vegas and Spring Valley were present, meeting in despite the unfavorable weather.



LYNDON MINE SOLD; CONSIDERATION \$25,000

G. T. Holladay, representing Salt Lake mining interests, was in Pioche yesterday to complete final arrangements towards the taking over of the Lyndon Mine in the Comet District, owned by Chas. Schodde. The consideration involved is understood to be \$25,000 and a first payment of \$5,000 will be made to him this deal.

Further sales of mining property in this promising district are understood to be near culmination at the present time and it appears certain that the Comet district is at length to see the proper development to which its past production certainly entitled it.

SENATOR PITTMAN ON DENISON BILL

April 20, 1922.
Pioche Commercial Club,
Pioche, Nevada.

Gentlemen:
I am in receipt of your letter of April 18th, expressing your opposition to the passage of the Denison bill. I thoroughly agree with the reasons set forth, and assure you that this bill, if it ever gets on the floor of the Senate, will have hard sledding. I would be willing to contribute twelve hours steady talk for and against it. I think there are some western Senators who could be equally as pleased to give some conversation to the subject.

All of these bills originate in selfishness and narrow-minded greed. It is just one of the many evidences of jealousy that exists in the minds of the eastern Congressmen with regard to the progress of the West. This fellow probably has hair pins in his ears, and he is afraid that, if people buy anything like mines, or silver, or gold, or copper, or lead, or zinc, they won't have any money to buy hairpins.

There is more selfishness here in the East in a square mile than there is in a square mile out West. Our money of live and let live is not known here. The men running Congress now come from the New England and eastern states where they don't produce anything. They buy our raw material as cheaply as they can and then they sell them back to us as high as they can.

They put our things on the free list, or just as nearly so as they possibly can, and then they ask for a duty on the manufactured articles so that they can charge us anything they want for them. Take, for instance, cyanide. There is only one concern in this country that sells cyanide. It is a complete monopoly, and yet they want to tax the gold and silver miner to add to the profits of this monopoly. Nearly anybody else that pays a tax can pass it on to somebody else, but the gold and silver miner cannot pass it on because there is a fixed price for his product.

The great issues in Congress are now between the manufacturing centers and the sections producing raw materials. They would even now attempt to repeal the Pittman Act (Silver) except that they know that they would have to enter into a fight that would last for months.

I am glad that you are watching legislation and that you are putting your influence back of good legislation and against bad.

I thank you for your invitation

UNION PACIFIC OFFERS TO CARRY EXHIBITS FREE

The Union Pacific, in its desire to assist in every way possible in the development of this section, has offered transportation free for all exhibits for the Agricultural Fair in this city next fall, in the announcement of J. M. Houston, agent.

The shipper will be required to pay freight charges on the shipment to the fair, but this amount will be refunded to him when his material is shipped home. This arrangement is necessary to protect the road from shipment free of products for sale here, but it enables all exhibitors to have their exhibits carried to and from the fair free of charge.—Las Vegas Age.

GOV'T GEOLOGIST VISITS PIOCHE

Donnel Foster Hewett of the United States Geological Survey arrived in Pioche last Tuesday for a brief reconnaissance of mining conditions in this district. Mr. Hewett's visit is for the purpose of investigating local conditions in anticipation of possible extensive work which is expected will be undertaken during the coming summer.

The work of the Department in the Pioche district which was commenced some time ago was interrupted by the war and it has been the intention of Director George Otis Loomis to complete the survey within its own future, and in connection with the topographical work one or more geologists will be detailed to this district to make a comprehensive report. Mr. Hewett has been secured the active co-operation of all the mine operators of the district who realize the great value of the work of the survey in the intelligent opening of the productive mines and in the opening up of new deposits.

COMBINED METALS MINE WILL SHIP BASE ORE

Work has now commenced on the Combined Metals Mine, controlled by the Snyder interests, and approximately 40 tons of ore will be hoisted daily and shipped to the Garfield plant of the American Smelting & Refining company. The analysis of the product to be hoisted will be approximately as follows: gold .04; silver 5.2 ounces; lead 5.0 per cent; zinc 14.0 per cent; iron 15.5 per cent; and insol. 29.0 per cent. This tonnage will make a substantial increase in the weekly output of the camp.

WARNING
Visitors to the Odd Fellow Masonic Cemetery are hereby warned to be careful in closing the gates. On several occasions during the past week cattle have been enabled to enter and deface the shrubbery and lawn. Unless this request is heeded it will become necessary to lock the gates.

Mrs. Helveston, of Round House near Virginia City, was a Pioche visitor this week, attending the Odd Fellows dance Tuesday night. Mrs. Helveston is Grand Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and while here gave a school of instruction which was followed by an afternoon tea. She expressed herself as well pleased with the progress of the lodge here.

for an early visit, and I only wish I could accept. Of course, I cannot leave here while the Senate is in session.

With kindest regards, I am,
Sincerely,
KEY PITTMAN.

STATE CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

State central committee officials of the two parties are stripping the decks for action. The first salvo from the big guns will be let loose in June when the Party forces will mobilize simultaneously for the state conventions. To this end H. E. Stewart and C. L. Richards, chairmen, respectively, of the Republican and Democratic state central committees, are making their initial plans. The law fixes the day and hour for the state conventions, but the selection of a place of meeting is delegated by the statute to the central committee. Whether there will be a contest over the meeting place in either party has not been indicated, but both Democratic and Republican leaders here express the view that the two grand pow-wows will be held in Reno because it is the logical place by reason of location.

A poll of the members of the committees will be taken to ascertain their opinions as to the proper place and letters will be dispatched by the respective chairmen this week. When this formality is disposed of the county central committee chairmen will begin making plans for the county conventions and the mass meetings preceding them for the purpose of selecting delegates. The county conventions where delegates to the state conventions will be named are less than two months away. The law specifies the second Tuesday in June as the time for the county gatherings and notice of such meetings must be published by the county central committees on or before May 25. County delegates at the present time are to be held at least five days prior to the convention, will assemble June 13. The state conventions will follow on June 27.

The question of sending instructive delegates to the big convention already has been threshed out by the Democratic leaders with the result that it has met with overwhelming opposition. The Republicans have never considered it, apparently being content to leave matters of policy and platform to final adjustment at the convention itself.

While the law prohibits formal activity inside the conventions in behalf of any candidate, or candidates, it is expected that the office-seekers will be buzzing around like bees and it will be a golden opportunity for them to do some effective campaigning, informally, the party leaders, too, will have an opportunity to express their preference among candidates. The convention must be confined to the adoption of party platforms and the selection of the central committees for the ensuing term.—Reno Gazette.

INSPECTING BULLIONVILLE TAILINGS AND MILL

A party of mining men among whom are Ed Sheehan, well known Nevada mine operator, and Edgar L. Nowhouse, Jr., manager of the ore purchasing department of the American Smelting & Refining company, are looking over the Bullionville mill and tailing piles owned by the Prince Consolidated Mining Company near Panaca. J. H. Hodges, superintendent of the Prince company met the party at Caliente today and will entertain them while in the district.

STRIKE ORE AT ROADSIDE MINE

Rich silver lead was struck at the Roadside mine, near Sharp, according to advices recently received from the property which is owned by Peter Buol of Las Vegas. The ore was encountered in the drift now being run in a north-easterly direction from the 100 foot level of the 125 foot incline shaft and assays at the vein average 187.6 ounces in silver and 67.9 per cent in lead content.

Discovered in 1918 by Roadside Smith, a well known western prospector, the Roadside mine was developed as a manganese producer until rich silver ore was struck in the shaft, this ore was shipped by parcel post in small lots netting the owners sufficient money to do considerable development work which resulted in the mine being sold to the Stetson-Gillette interests of Philadelphia and later passing into the possession of Peter Buol of Las Vegas. Three men have been steadily employed at the property and it is expected that an increase will be made now that shipping ore is being opened up at depth.

PIOCHE STILL STATE'S PREMIER SHIPPER OF CRUDE ORE

During the year 1920 government statistics show that 111,573 tons of crude ore were shipped from Nevada to smelting plants and of this total 117,594 tons, approximately 70 per cent, came from the Pioche district. During 1921 the total decreased both in State and County and now with an average of only 600 tons per week being sent out, Pioche still remains the leading shipper of crude ores in the State by a large margin.

The present payroll of the Bristol mines from which the principal tonnage is now coming is approximately \$12,000 per month and with the total number of working mines averaging from 15 to 20 the combined mining payroll of the district is estimated to be \$20,000. In addition to this amount a substantial amount is paid out monthly on the Pioche branch of the Union Pacific railroad and the Pioche Pacific railroad, a narrow gauge road connecting with the U. P. railroad.

NITRATE BEDS MAY PROVE VALUABLE

The prospecting of the Nitrate beds at Rose Valley, 15 miles from Pioche continues to show the wide distribution of the occurrence of both Sodium Nitrate and Sodium Chloride in the rock formations, however, considerable work yet remains to be done before the commercial value of the deposits have been reasonably proven.

The relation of the rock formations to the occurrence of nitrate salts in the Rose Valley deposits is not so intimate as in the case of metallic deposits and apparently there is no direct connection between the saline content of the rock and surface from little various formations the various formations. While six or more distinct formations are to be seen in the area, a simple classification into Volcanic flows, volcanic ash and waterlain conglomerate will suffice for all practical purposes. The basal formation consists of a flow overlying a 30-foot bed of ash, again another flow overlain by a series of flows with conglomerate above the upper flow. A consolidated volcanic mud also occurs in the canyon above the ranch proper. All of these formations are impregnated to a greater or less degree with salts of Sodium Nitrate in combination with Sodium Chloride and soluble carbonates and it is this wide distribution that makes the prospecting of the area contained in the permits a difficult problem.

A number of Nitrate deposits have been prospected during the past four years in the western states and to date none of these deposits have been proven to be commercially profitable, at the same time the Rose Valley beds, on account of their most favorable situation being adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad at Dry Valley and with ample water flowing all the year around within a few feet of the beds, present features which other deposits cannot claim, thus the results of the work now being carried on may be a factor in the future upbuilding of the County and State.

Senator A. L. Scott left today for a business trip to Provo, Salt Lake City and Reno. He expects to be absent a week.



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